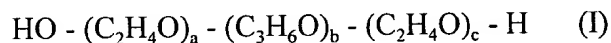
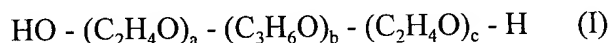


36. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein the polyoxyethylene derivative is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or a polyoxyethylene alkylaryl ether, and the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymer is a surfactant represented by formula (I):



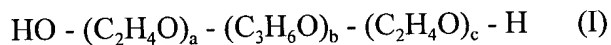
wherein a, b and c independently represent an integer of 1 to 200.

37. (New) The method according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the polyoxyethylene derivative is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or a polyoxyethylene alkylaryl ether, and the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymer is a surfactant represented by formula (I):



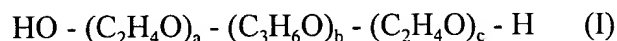
wherein a, b and c independently represent an integer of 1 to 200.

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38. (New) The method according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the polyoxyethylene derivative is a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or a polyoxyethylene alkylaryl ether; the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymer is a surfactant represented by formula (I):



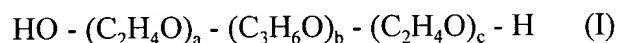
wherein a, b and c independently represent an integer of 1 to 200; and the reagent enabling CH enzymes to act only on HDL comprises a (i) divalent metal salt and (ii) at least one member selected from the group consisting of heparin or a salt thereof, phosphotungstic acid or a salt thereof, dextran sulfuric acid or a salt thereof, polyethylene glycol, sulfated cyclodextrin or a salt thereof, and sulfated oligosaccharide or a salt thereof.

39. (New) The reagent according to claim 18, wherein the polyoxyethylene derivative is a polyoxyethylene alkylaryl ether, and the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymer is a surfactant represented by formula (I):



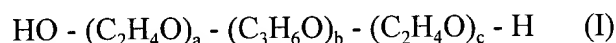
wherein a, b and c independently represent an integer of 1 to 200.

40. (New) The reagent kit according to claim 22, wherein the polyoxyethylene derivative is a polyoxyethylene alkylaryl ether, and the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymer is a surfactant represented by formula (I):



wherein a, b and c independently represent an integer of 1 to 200.

C1 41. (New) The reagent kit according to claim 22, wherein the polyoxyethylene derivative is a polyoxyethylene alkylaryl ether; the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymer is a surfactant represented by formula (I):



wherein a, b and c independently represent an integer of 1 to 200; and the reagent for aggregating lipoproteins other than HDL comprises (i) a divalent metal salt and (ii) at least one member selected from the group consisting of heparin or a salt thereof, phosphotungstic acid or a salt thereof, dextran sulfuric acid or a salt thereof, polyethylene glycol, sulfated cyclodextrin or a salt thereof, and sulfated oligosaccharide or a salt thereof.

REMARKS

New claims 34-41 are presented in order to more specifically recite various preferred embodiments of the present invention. The subject matter of the amendment may be found in the specification as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.